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LAS VEGAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSING 2.5 KILOS OF METH AT GREYHOUND STATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Las Vegas, Nev., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Andress Miguel Cotero, 29, of Las Vegas, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Cotero** admitted that he was in possession with intent to distribute more than 2.5 kilograms of methamphetamine.

Cotero was arrested at the Greyhound Bus Station, located at 1101 Troost in Kansas City, on Nov. 19, 2004. At the time, law enforcement officers conducted a search of **Cotero's** belongings and discovered more than 2.5 kilograms of methamphetamine contained in his luggage. **Cotero** admitted that the methamphetamine was intended for delivery to Bethlehem, Penn., Graves said.

Cotero was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 14, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, **Cotero** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O'Connor. It was investigated by the Kansas City Interdiction Task Force.

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